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#### CONFERENCE ON COORDINATING SCIENTIFIC WORK PLANS

At special extensive meetings of the Bureau which governs the Department of Geological and Geographical Sciences, Academy of Sciences USSR, held on 20 June 1950, the plans of union republic Academies of Sciences and the plan for scientific works of institutes and laboratories of the department for 1951-1955 were reviewed in order to facilitate mutual assistance and avoid duplication in scientific studies.

Besides members of the Bureau, participants in the discussion of the plan included representatives of the administration and leading specialists of institutions within the department, also representatives of the Council on the Study of USSR Productive Forces, Academy of Sciences USSR, and of the Azerbaydzhan, Armenian, Belorussian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Estonian, Kazakh, and Uzbek Academies of Sciences. The plan of the department had previously been coordinated with the plans of the Ukrainian and Georgian Academies of Sciences.

The plans for scientific-research works of the department and union republic academies were discussed in detail; after an exchange of opinions by Academicians D. S. Belyankin, S. I. Mironov, K. I. Satpayev, and M. M. Aliyev, President of the Azerbaydzhan Academy of Sciences, and others, the members of the conference concluded unanimously that the problems planned for study during the second post-war Five-Year Plan of the Academy of Sciences USSR and the union republic academies in the field of geological and geographical sciences are in general very practical and answer the requirements posed by the economy of the USSR.

At working conferences preceding the general discussion of the plans, the plans of institutes of the union republic academies were coordinated in detail with the plans of the corresponding institutes of the department.

In the course of the discussions, several defects became apparent in the general planning and coordination of works between the union republic academies. A number of resolutions and recommendations were adopted to eliminate these defects.

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The conference noted the desirability of publishing works conducted jointly by collaborators of central scientific institutions and union republic academies in one paper. Attention was focused on the necessity of formulating the scientific importance of problems planned by union republic academies from the standpoint of their possible value for development of the theoretical principles of the geological and geographical sciences.

The conference adopted a resolution to advise the Presidium, Academy of Sciences USSR, and the presidiums of the union republic academies of the desirability of uniting into one general academy plan the separate plans of the Academy of Sciences USSR, its affiliates, and union republic academies for solving problems pertaining to supplying the economy with various forms of mineral resources.

From this experience in coordinating plans, the conference considered it advantageous in the future to strengthen and develop liaison between the Academy of Sciences USSR and the union republic academies and, in particular, to conduct working conferences on problems of economic importance and on problems of a scientific-methodological nature (problems of stratigraphy, tectonics, petrography, and other geological sciences).

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